The Administrative Office of the Courts has earned Springboard certification on information sharing aimed at the transmission of legal documents among court system participants by the IJIS Institute.

Springboard is an evaluation and certification program designed to help advance information sharing in the justice, public safety, and homeland security communities. Springboard provides independent services to industry and government for the evaluation and certification of implementations of standards-based information sharing solutions.

The AOC is the second entity to conduct conformance testing under the Springboard program. Testing was done to ensure that two of Georgia AOC's systems implemented relevant portions of the OASIS LegalXML Electronic Court Filing (ECF) Version 4.01 Standard. (OASIS is a nonprofit consortium that drives the development, convergence, and adoption of open standards for the global information society.) These products and systems enable the safe and effective sharing of legal documents between court system participants. The successful certification of these products will reduce interoperability barriers that often arise when partners seek to exchange data without the benefit of prior third-party certification.

Jorge Basto, AOC IT Director, said, "The Georgia AOC has been leading the charge in the implementation of court standards since 2005. Being the first in the justice domain to acquire this certification shows our continued commitment to endorsing the Electronic Court Filing Standard that promotes interoperability amongst systems. We intend to certify all Major Design Elements in this specification and validate the concept of integration through coordinated business processes and technology."

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